

## ABSTRACT

A method of encoding digital representations of works comprises the following steps: providing a digital representation of a work, and removing pieces of information from said digital representation in a predetermined pattern. The method provides for an identification of digital representations which is virtually impossible to locate and remove. In a particularly preferred embodiment, the predetermined pattern is repeated, making removal thereof from an illegal copy virtually impossible. A method for decoding digital representations of works and apparatuses for performing encoding and decoding of digital representations of works are also provided.

(FIG. 5)